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CHAPTER 41
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KAKIGURU

—Complete Edition—

CHAPTER FORTY-ONE: DO NOT TOUCH THE GIRL



SHE
JUST
SUDDENLY
GOT
SICK...

SHE HAD
A FEVER,
AND SHE'S
GASPING... I
DON'T THINK
SHE'S FULLY
WITH US.



HEY...



SAD-
TOME...!

THANKS
FOR
COMING.



HOW
COULD
THIS BE
HAPPENING?

WHAT ON
EARTH...?

SHE'S
SLEEPING NOW,
BUT WE CAN'T
LEAVE HER
LIKE THIS.

**IT'S
POISON,
I BET.**



...YURIKO-
CHAN
SUDDENLY
TOOK ILL...

IN THE
"ELECTION
BATTLE"
BETWEEN
YURIKO-
CHAN AND
THIS
PAIR...

...AND
LOST THE
MATCH.



...BUT I HEARD
HER SYMPTOMS
WERE DIAGNOSED
AS SOME SORT
OF "POISON."

SHE WAS
TREATED
AFTER
THAT...



BUT
STILL...



HOW
OUTRAG-
EING...

AND
HOW DO
YOU KNOW
WE DID
THAT?

OH,
DEAR...



THE INBAMI
AND YOUNBAMI
FAMILIES BOTH
DEAL IN
THE DRUG
INDUSTRY.

WE
CAN
FREELY
ALLOW
PEOPLE
TO LIVE
OR DIE.

THIS
MUCH
WOULD BE
CHILD'S
PLAY TO US.
WOULDN'T
IT?



IF THAT'S
TRUE, THEN
THIS CAN'T
GO ON.

BEARINGING
HIM... WITH
POISON?

THEY
NEVER
HAD ANY
INTENTION OF
GAMBLING
AT ALL...

HOW
COULD THAT
BE?

IF
YOU'RE
RUNNING
THIS
SHOW,
THEN
DO
SOME-
THING
TO
STOP
THIS!

DON'T YOU
SEE HOW
DANGEROUS
THEY ARE?



RYA-
HANG
THAT'S
KINDA
BLUNT!

...WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?



THESE
GIRLS
POISONED
MINKO-
TOUN-SAN
TOO!

AM?



PRECISELY
BECAUSE I'M
YOUR DEALER
IN THIS
ELECTION!

OOH,
SORRY, I
CAN'T!



THAT
MEANS
SHE WAS
POISONED
BEFORE
SHE
ENTERED
THIS
ROOM,
DOESN'T
IT?

...BUT
THEY
HAVEN'T
MADE ANY
MOVES LIKE
THAT.

OF
COURSE, I'VE BEEN
WATCHING
THEM...



AND I GOTTA
AVOID
THAT, Y'KNOW?



SCREW IT!
I'LL CALL
AN AMBU-
LANCE...

OH, ARE
YOU SURE
ABOUT
THAT?



**IT'D
DAMAGE
OUR
ABSOLUTE
NEUTRALITY!**

**IF THE
DEALER
STARTS
JIGGING
PEOPLE
FOR OUT-
OF-BASE
ACTIVITY...**

**...SHE
MIGHT BE
ACCUSED OF
FAVORITISM.**

DIDN'T
YOU
KNOW?

WHA
...!!

THE MOST
IMPORTANT
AND MOST
DIFFICULT
PART OF
POISON
CASES...

...IS
IDENTIFY-
ING THE
POISON
USED.

BECAUSE
IF YOU DO
THAT...

...YUMIKO-
SAN MIGHT
WIND UP
DEAD, YOU
SEE.

TAKE
TOO MUCH
TIME TO FIND
THE POISON,
AND THE
PATIENT COULD
BECOME MUCH
WORSE.

IF YOU
CAN'T DO
THAT, EVEN
THE MOST
BRILLIANT
PHYSICIAN
COULDN'T
TREAT IT
PROPERLY.



YOU WERE...
SADOMI-SAN,
RIGHT?







DOESN'T
SHE,
RIRIKA-
SAN?



WHY DO
YOU KNOW
ABOUT
THAT?

WHA...



BUT
YOU'VE
GOT TO.

OH, I
DON'T.





THAT
IS THE
WHOLE
REASON
WE WERE
CALLED
HERE, IS
IT NOT?

THOUGH...

...IF I'M
WRONG,
I COULD
JUST PACK
UP AND
GO BACK
HOME.

HEY
I WAS
WRONG!

HEY
AGENT
ASTOR
WANTED
AT ALL

THE
MAYAGAMI
FAMILY...

I THOUGHT
THEY JUST
HAD IT IN FOR
KUMERO...

AT
THIS
POINT
HOW
COULD
FOOT?







IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, THEN? YOU WERE JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS?

THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?



IT'S ONLY FAIR. I'M IN THIS LINE YOU WANT ME TO BE.







I SWEAR,
ALL THIS
BULLSHIT FROM
EVERYONE...





**GET
YOUR
ASSES
IN
YOUR
SEATS.**

**I'M
TAKING
YOU
ON.**

...OOL
SCARY



...LET'S
ADD SOME
RULES.



SO...

WITH THIS
RESET...

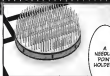


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ONE—



**THE
SERUM
COUNTS
AS 100
VOTES.**



A
NEEDLE-
POINT
HOLDER



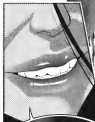
THAT,
AND
ONE
MORE...



...IF
ANYONE'S
HAND GOES
OVER 10
POINTS...

...OR...

IF
ANYONE
FOLDS...



THEY'LL BE
EXPOSED
TO THE
SAME POISON
TORMENTING
YUMEKO-SAN
RIGHT NOW!

...THEY
HAVE TO
JAM THEIR
FINGER IN
HERE.



THE
ONLY
THING
IS...

ONE
PRIOR...

...UNLIKE
WITH HER,
THERE
WOULDN'T BE
ANYONE IN
HERE TO
SAVE
YOU.

...AND
YOU'D
WRITE
IN PAIN
AND DIE.
JUST
LIKE
HER.

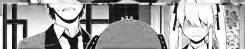


...AND LET
ME ASSURE
YOU, THEY ARE
BOTH NON-
NEGOTIABLE.

THERE ARE
MY TWO
KILLER...











HOW
ADORABLE
OF
THEM!



I ALREADY
PLANNED
OUT THE
RESULT.

THEY
WENT
AND
COUNTESS
-READ-
THE

THEY
WENT
AND
COUNTESS
-READ-
THE

THEY'LL
JUST
COUGH
UP
ALL
THEIR
NOTES,
WITH
NOTHING
TO
GAIN
FOR
IT.

THEY
WENT
AND
COUNTESS
-READ-
THE

IT'S
LIVING
IN
YOUR
DREAMS.

ALL
IT TAKES
IS A LITTLE
VIOLENCE,
AND IT'S IN
THE BAG.

THIS
WHOLE
GAMBLING
BUSINESS
IS
UTTERLY
WORTH-
LESS.

ONCE YOU
CONQUER
THE RULES,
YOU
CONQUER
THE GAME.





FIRST,
I CUT
'EM AT
RANDOM...



THEN
IT'S
TIME
TO
DEAL!

YOU
KNOW
THE
RULES,
MARY-
CHAM?



RIGHT,
NINETEEN
CARD!



PICK A
NUMBER
FOR MR.
MAYO-
CHAN



...NINE-
TEEN.



SHUFFLING
COMPLETE.

ALL
RIGHT!



HERE
COMES THE
SECOND
ROUND!

YOU ALL
READY
TO GO?



PEOPLE'S
LIVES ARE
RELYING ON
THIS ONE!





NUMBER 1

IT'S OK,
WE'RE
GETTING
HIGHER

AHH!

...all a
breeze?

Yes,
I...

Scared
am.

NO, YOU
HAVE TO
JUST...

TO WHAT
KAGI SAN TELLS
YOU

I WANT
YOU TO LISTEN
CAREFULLY.

COME
CLOSER





...I'LL SAC-
RIFICE MY-
SELF FOR
HER!

BUT IF
THIS IS
WHAT IT
TAKES...

RIGHT!
CHECK
YOUR
CARDS,
FOUNDS!



...!



I'LL
START
WITH
MIRI-
CHAN!

NOW
FOR THE
BETTING
ROUND

OKAY!





IT'S
CRAP....!



IT'S THE
BEST
NORTH 9
WHEN IT'S
MY TURN
TO GO

...I
CALL

DO
ANYTHING
WHEN
YOU
ARE
THE
LAST
ONE
TO GO



GUUU...



CALL



ESHA, I'M
AGRE TO YOU
AND HAVE
PLANNED
THIS...

THAT'S
PRETTY
OVERTLY
CHEATING!
I CAN'T
LET THAT
HAPPEN

WHOA!
STOP
RIGHT
THERE!

LEE,
CHASE.

GUESS
IT'S
BETTER
IF WE
KNOW
EACH
OTHER'S



LET
ME SEE
YOUR
HAND.



YOU
WANNA
DO
THAT?

AT
LEAST
TRY TO
DO IT
A BIT
SMOOTH-
LY.

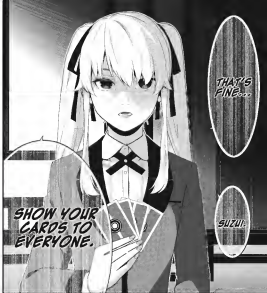


...
WE
DON'T
WANA
GET
EXPOSED
...

OH, NO
MUCH
FOR THAT

IF
YOU
DROP
A CARD BY
ACCIDENT
FOR ALL TO
SEE, THAT'S
NO PROBLEM,
BUT...

I WON'T
PENALIZE
MISTAKES,
MIND YOU.





**I'M
BOUND
TO
LOSE!**

**IF I
SHOW
THEM...**

**...THEY'LL
PLAY
CARDS TO
COUNTERACT
THAT!**



**I SAID,
SHOW
YOUR
CARDS
TO THE
WHOLE
TABLE.**

**WHAT
DID
YOU
SAY?**



**HURRY
UP! WE'RE
SHORT ON
TIME!**

UH...

**HANG
ON A
SEC!**



...DIDOT.



**WHY
DO I
HAVE
TO DO
SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT?!**

**TH-THAT
MAKES
NO
SENSE!**





...SHE
WANTS TO WIN
WITHOUT
HER
GETTING
THE
POWER.

WHICH MAKES
SENSE. WHO'D
DELIBERATELY
DO SO
INSTEAD?

BEFORE
HER
SHE
SAID
SHE
WANTS
TO
LOSE.



I
KNOW
SHE
WANTS
TO
WIN...

SHE-
TONE
DON'T
LIVE.
I
DON'T
THINK.



...BUT
IF SHE
CAN'T DO
THAT, SHE
WANTS HIM
TO LOSE
INSTEAD.

SHE-TONE'S
FIRST
OBJECTIVE
HERE IS TO
WIN...



YUMERO
TOLD
ME...



SHE SAID
TO LISTEN TO
SAOTOME!



AND IN
SAOTOME
TOWN!

I HAVE TO
BELIEVE IN
YUMERO!





WHOWAY!



I RAISE
YOU...

...100
VOTES.

GAMBLING
IS SUCH A
FOOLISH
PURSUIT.

IF YOU
WANT
TO MOVE
PEOPLE'S
HEARTS
AND
MINDS...





**ALL
PLAYERS
ARE
BETTING
100 VOTES!**

**...VIOLENCE
IS ALWAYS
THE BEST
WAY.**

**IT'S TIME
TO START
THE SECOND
ROUND!!**

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